Progress in construction of Delhi Metro

133. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress in the construction of different sectors of the Delhi Metro;

(b) whether the work in the different sectors is conforming to the schedule;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to expedite the construction work; and

(d) by when all the phases of the Metro service are likely to be fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a)

Line	%age of progress as on 30.6.2003
(i) Line No. 1 Shahdara-Tri Nagar-Barwala	64%
(ii) Line No. 2 Vishwa Vidyalaya-Central Secretariat	53%
(iii) Line No. 3 Barakhamba Road-Connaught Place-Dwarka.	10%

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The phase I of Delhi Metro is expected to become operational by September 2005. Decision on subsequent phases of the project is yet to be taken.

High-rise building in Delhi

134. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi has sixty-eight high rise buildings which are highly unsafe as they do not conform to the 12 point fire safety standards issued by the Delhi Fire Serivce;